(c) whether Government are also aware that such owners get advance intimations of raids being conducted by concerned authorities in this regard; and

(d) the steps planned to be taken by Government to remove such encroachments and identify the officials who are acting in colusion with them?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sanitation in R.K. Puram

594. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pathetic and inhuman condition of sanitation in Government colony of Sector-XII, R.K. Puram especially inside and in front of the CGHS Dispensary;

(b) if so, the reasons due to which MCD/CPWD and concerned authorities have neglected their work in this area for the last so many years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard, considering the recent announcements being made by Prime Minister and Chief Minister of Delhi while launching cleaniness drive in the city?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) (a) to (c) MCD has reported that special attention has already been given to cleaniness in Government colony, Sector-XII, R.K. Puram. Sanitation drive is still going on. Area under CGHS dispensary has been cleaned and sanitation drive is being continued.

Committee to Examine Problems of Housing Sector

595. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Committee to go into the problems of housing sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) (a) Yes, Sir. A committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment to follow up the recommendations of the Government-Industry Meet on Housing, Real Estate and construction sectors held in October, 1997.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are:—

(i) To follow-up the recommendations of the Government-Industries Meet for their time bound implementation.

(ii) To consider and suggest short term and long terms measures required to give a boost to housing, real estate and construction sectors.

Shifting of Offices out of Delhi

596. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether pressure of population and vehicles in Delhi is on increase and the measures taken in this regard have been proved futile;

(b) if so, whether a decision was taken to shift the offices of some undertakings and some other offices in Delhi to somewhere else and many of them have